

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re United States Patent Application of:)	Docket No.:	942757-278580
Applicant:)	Examiner:	Lindsay M.
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Application No.:)	Art Group:	3692
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Filing Date:)	Confirmation No.:	6805
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Title:)	Customer No.:	24239
A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR THE ANALYSIS AND PREDICTION OF ECONOMIC MARKETS)		

REQUEST FOR REFUND IN U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. 09/868,981

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Sir/Madam:

It recently came to our attention that the USPTO made a withdrawal of \$2,200.00 from Deposit Account 13-4365 in the name of Moore & Van Allen PLLC for independent claim fees for the above-identified application.

An Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 for the subject application was electronically filed on November 21, 2008, including the original 100 claims, 18 of which are independent and all having been previously paid for at the time of filing on June 25, 2002. Copies of the fee worksheets from June 25, 2002, and November 21, 2008, are attached for review.

It is believed that the fee calculation sheet completed by the Patent Office following the amendment filed on November 21, 2008, contains a clerical error. The fee calculation sheet indicates that only 8 independent claims have been previously paid for when, in fact, all 18 independent claims were paid for

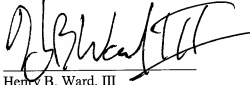
on June 25, 2002. A copy of the fee calculation sheet from November 21, 2008 is also enclosed for your review.

In light of the above, applicant respectfully requests that the Commissioner refund the erroneously charged \$2,200.00 to our Deposit Account No. 13-4365 in the name of Moore & Van Allen PLLC.

If any other issues remain outstanding or if further documentation is required, the Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 704-331-1027, so that such issues may be promptly resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

MOORE & VAN ALLEN PLLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. B. Ward, III', written over a horizontal line.

Date: April 3, 2009

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PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

TOTAL CLAIMS		
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	100 minus 20=	80
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	18 minus 3=	15
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT <input type="checkbox"/>		

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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AMENDMENT A		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
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APPLICATION AS FILED – PART I									
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<input type="checkbox"/> SEARCH FEE (37 CFR 1.16(s), (t), or (m))	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A				
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TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(i))	minus 20 =	+	X \$ =		OR X \$ =				
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(h))	minus 3 =	+	X \$ =		OR X \$ =				
<input type="checkbox"/> APPLICATION SIZE FEE (37 CFR 1.16(s))	If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).								
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(j))									
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APPLICATION AS AMENDED – PART II									
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AMENDMENT	11/21/2008	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE (\$)	ADDITIONAL FEE (\$)	RATE (\$)	ADDITIONAL FEE (\$)	
Total (37 CFR 1.16(i))	+	100	Minus	** 100	=	0	OR X \$20=	0	
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(h))	+	18	Minus	*** 8	=	10	OR X \$220=	2200	
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